

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

I claim:

5 A method for managing information over a networked system of computers, said method comprising the steps of:

gathering compliance data from at least one compliance data source;
supplementing and formatting a portion of said compliance data to create modified compliance data;

10 storing said modified compliance data within a database;
classifying said modified compliance data within said database based on a classification scheme relating to compliance data;

transferring said modified compliance data from said database to a data server; and
electronically providing said modified compliance data to a remote communication device via said data server.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of gathering compliance data is performed manually.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of gathering compliance data is performed by a computer program.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of customizing the display of said modified compliance data on said remote communication device, in accordance with a user's preferences or needs.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said user's preferences or needs are received from said remote communication device.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein said user's preferences or needs are determined by a computer program which monitors user traffic, log patterns, and usage history.

25 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying said modified compliance data based on said classification scheme, wherein said classification scheme comprises one or more of the following data categories: type of industry, type of compliance subject, continent of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, continent of use of said compliance subject, source of compliance data, continent of environmental impact
30 of said compliance subject, country of development and manufacture of said compliance

subject, country of use of said compliance subject, country of environmental impact of said compliance subject, compliance requirements for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, common elements of compliance requirements, business compliance needs for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, and perspectives of end-users before, during, and after use of said compliance subject.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said compliance data is selected from the group consisting of: government standards, government regulations, international standards, domestic standards, guidance documents, regulations, laws, information relating to compliance issues, or a combination thereof.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said database is a publicly inaccessible and password protected relational database and said data server is a public web server.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
synchronizing said modified compliance data stored in said publicly inaccessible database with said modified compliance data stored in said public web server.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
preventing said modified compliance data from being downloaded from said web server to a remote communication device unless said remote communication device has been authorized.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said gathering step may further comprise uploading compliance data from a remote communication device.

13. A computer system for managing compliance data comprising:
means for gathering compliance data from at least one compliance data source;
a workstation comprising:
means for supplementing and formatting a portion of said compliance data
creating modified compliance data,
a storage device for storing said modified compliance data,
a database for organizing said modified compliance data based on a
classification scheme relating to compliance data, and
a communication device for transmitting said modified compliance data from
said workstation to a data server;

a data server comprising:

a communication device for receiving said modified compliance data from
said workstation and

means for electronically providing said modified compliance data to a remote
communication device; and

a communication network for connecting said locations of compliance data, said
workstation, said data server and said remote communication device.

14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said database is a publicly inaccessible and
password protected relational database and said data server is a public web server.

15. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said data server further comprises a
computer program for customizing a user's preferences by monitoring user traffic, log
patterns, and usage history.

16. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said compliance data is selected from the
group consisting of: government standards, government regulations, international standards,
domestic standards, guidance documents, regulations, laws, information relating to
compliance issues, or a combination thereof.

17. The computer system of claim 14, further comprising:
means for synchronizing said modified compliance data stored in said publicly
inaccessible database with said modified compliance data stored in said public web server.

18. The computer system of claim 14, further comprising:
means for preventing said modified compliance data from being downloaded from
said web server to a remote communication device unless said remote communication device
has been authorized.

19. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said classification scheme comprises one
or more of the following data categories: type of industry, type of compliance subject,
continent of development and manufacture of said compliance subject, continent of use of
said compliance subject, source of compliance data, continent of environmental impact of
said compliance subject, country of development and manufacture of said compliance
subject, country of use of said compliance subject, country of environmental impact of said
compliance subject, compliance requirements for before, during, and after use of said

compliance subject, common elements of compliance requirements, business compliance needs for before, during, and after use of said compliance subject, and perspectives of end-users before, during, and after use of said compliance subject.

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